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Custave, his nephew	John Lane Connor
Edora, Princess of Kronfeld	Maud Durbin
Courtess von Malten, a paradox of the Court	Ethel Winthrop
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Synopsis.

- ACT I.—The River Farm. Leopold's Cottage.
ACT II.—The Stolen Manuscript. The Palace at Lauterheim. Same night.
ACT III.—An Interrupted Conference. The Council Chamber, Lauterheim Palace. Morning.
ACT IV.—A Royal Prisoner. The Council Chamber. Night.
ACT V.—The Revolt of the Peasants. Scene 1—Drachenstein Castle. Morning. Scene 2—Leopold's Cottage. Evening.

Musical arranged by Armand Buisseret. Costumes designed and arranged by Fritz Schoultz. Shoes by Alston. Wigs by Hepner.

EXECUTIVE STAFF FOR OTIS SKINNER COMPANY.

Business Manager.....	J. D. LEFFINGWELL
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